

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 217

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the 50th anniversary of the flooding of Celilo Falls.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2007

Mr. WU submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas Celilo Falls, located near The Dalles, Oregon, was a great fishing and trading location for Indian tribes and has been called the “Wall Street of the West” by historians;

Whereas artifacts suggest tribes as far as Alaska, the Great Plains and the Southwest United States came to trade and fish at Celilo for over 10,000 years;

Whereas the Umatilla, Nez Perce, Yakama and Warm Springs tribes reserved their fishing rights at their usual and accustomed places, including Celilo, when they signed treaties with the United States;

Whereas on March 10, 1957, to provide hydroelectricity and irrigation, The Dalles Dam was constructed;

Whereas the completion of the dam inundated Celilo in six hours, quickly changing the way of life for tribes that fished at Celilo; and

Whereas tribes still live and fish along the river, exercising their treaty rights agreed with the Congress of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-  
2 nizes the 50th anniversary of the flooding of Celilo Falls  
3 and the change of life it imposed upon tribal peoples.

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